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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/IT03/00237 filed April 15, 2003, claiming priority on U.S. 10/137,699 filed May 3, 2002 (now U.S. Patent 6,797,722), and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. No. 10/137,699, filed May 3, 2002 (now U.S. Patent 6,797,722), the entire content of each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

Please add the following new paragraphs on page 6, before "Abstract of the invention":

Brief Description of the Invention

The present invention is further explained with reference to the attached drawings in which:

FIGURE 1 is a bar graph showing the compound of the present invention (ST1959) inhibits, in a dose-like manner, the expansion of Vδ2 T cells when cultured with IPP;

FIGURE 2 is a series of four histograms showing ST1959 is not toxic to Vδ2 T cells, at various doses against a control (CTRL);

FIGURE 3 is a bar graph showing ST1959 at various doses inhibits IFNγ release in IPP-stimulated T cells;

FIGURE 4 is a bar graph showing the effect of ST1959 inhibits IFNγ producing Vδ2 T cells following stimulation with IPP provides a net reduction in a dose dependent manner;

FIGURE 5a is a graph showing ST1959 (■) against vehicle/carrier (x) as ST1959 controls renal damage as it relates to an average of the number of animals with urinary proteins in the two groups (■ and x);

FIGURE 5b is a graph reporting the score of urinary leucocytes over a period of several weeks for ST1959 (■) and a blank (vehicle only x);

FIGURE 5c is a graph showing the survival of animals as treated in Example 2 for those treated with ST1959

(■) related to the untreated animals (x) vehicles only);

FIGURE 5d is a graph showing ST1959 did not affect the body weight of untreated animals;

FIGURE 6a is a graph showing ST1959 improves animals with collagen induced arthritis by reducing inflammation; and

FIGURE 6b is a graph showing ST1959 reduces anchilosis in animals with collagen induced arthritis.